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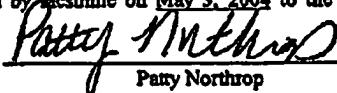
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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 Title : IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF SUSTAINED
 RELEASE DRUG DELIVERY DEVICES
 Group/Art Unit : 3763
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

It is requested that the period for response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004 be extended to allow for response within one month(s) after the time originally set. The time originally set was April 3, 2004. The extended period will expire May 3, 2004.

A response to the Office Action is filed herewith.

Fee Calculation

Fee for One Month Extension: \$110.00

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